

Senate Referrals: S. 271, S. 535, S. 684, S. 897, and S. 997 were referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and S. 278, S. 683, and S. 808 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7288, H7288–89, H7309, H7310–11, H7311, H7311–12, H7313 and H7314. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry held a hearing to review the Implementation of Phase II of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plans and their impacts on rural communities. Testimony was heard from Shawn M. Garvin, Region 3 Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Michael Krancer, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; and public witnesses.

INSTITUTIONALIZING IRREGULAR WARFARE CAPABILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Institutionalizing Irregular Warfare Capabilities. Testimony was heard from Major General Peter Bayer, USA, Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy, U.S. Army; Rear Admiral Sinclair M. Harris, USN, Director, Navy Irregular Warfare Office, U.S. Navy; Brigadier General Daniel O'Donohue, USMC, Director, Capabilities Development Directorate, U.S. Marine Corps; and Brigadier General Jerry P. Martinez, USAF, Director for Joint Integration, Directorate of Operational Capability Requirements, U.S. Air Force.

SEAPOW AND PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and the Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing on a day without Seapower and Projection Forces. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Bruce W. Clingan, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Planning and Strategy (N3/5), Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, USMC, Deputy Commander for Combat Development and Integration, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Major General John W. Hesterman III, USAF, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans, and Requirements (A3/5), U.S. Air Force.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Examining Regulatory and Enforcement Actions Under the Fair Labor Standards Act.” Testimony was heard from Nancy J. Leppink, Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a business meeting to consider a motion authorizing the issuance of subpoenas for certain records of the Executive Office of the President and the Office of the Vice President. The Chairman was authorized to issue subpoenas.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup of H.R. 1633, the “Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011.” The bill was forwarded, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on legislation regarding the “Private Mortgage Market Investment Act.” Testimony was heard from Edward J. DeMarco, Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Administration; and public witnesses.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROPOSAL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Rental Assistance Demonstration Proposal.” Testimony was heard from Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Ismael Guerrero, Executive Director, Housing Authority, City and County of Denver; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON CHINA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Congressional-Executive Commission on China: 2011 Annual Report.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Smith of New Jersey; Rep. Walz of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled “2014 and Beyond: U.S. Policy toward Afghanistan

and Pakistan, Part I.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TSA REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “TSA Reform: Exploring Innovations in Technology Procurement to Stimulate Job Growth, Part III.” Testimony was heard from Nick Nayak, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Robin E. Kane, Assistant Administrator, Security Technology, Transportation Security Administration; Paul Benda, Chief of Staff, Director, Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency; Department of Homeland Security; and Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing entitled “Federal Election Commission: Reviewing Policies, Processes and Procedures.” Testimony was heard from the following Federal Election Commission officials: Cynthia L. Bauerly, Chair, Federal Election Commission; Caroline C. Hunter, Vice Chair; Donald F. McGahn II, Commissioner; Matthew S. Petersen, Commissioner; Steven T. Walther, Commissioner; and Ellen L. Weintraub, Commissioner.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011”; H.R. 3010, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2369, to amend title 36, United States Code, to provide for an additional power for the American Legion under its Federal charter. H.R. 2369 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1254 and H.R. 3010 were both ordered reported, as amended.

FLORIDA EVERGLADES RESTORATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Florida Everglades Restoration: What are the Priorities?” Testimony was heard from Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of Defense; Rachel Jacobson, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1980, the “Gold Star Mothers National Monument Act of 2011”; H.R. 2070,

the “World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2011”; H.R. 2621, the “Chimney Rock National Monument Establishment Act”; and H.R. 3155, the “Northern Arizona Mining Continuity Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Sen. Hatch; Sen. McCain; Sen. Bennet; Rep. Franks of Arizona; Rep. Flake; Rep. Runyan; Rep. Johnson of Ohio; Rep. Tipton; Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Buster Johnson, Supervisor, Mohave County, Arizona; Karen Wenrich, Research Geologist, Geological Survey, (ret.); Robert V. Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mary Wagner, Associate Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on the following: H.R. 205, the “HEARTH Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2362, the “Indian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Rep. Cole; Rep. Heinrich; and Michael S. Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup of the following: H.R. 3029, the “Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act of 2011”; H.R. 3262, the “Government Results Transparency Act”; H.R. 3237, the “SOAR Technical Corrections Act”; H.R. 2297, to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; H.R. 3289, the “Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2011”; H.R. 298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the “Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building”; H.R. 2079, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the “John J. Cook Post Office”; H.R. 2158, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the “Wayne Grisham Post Office”; H.R. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the “Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building”; H.R. 2422, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service

located at 45 Bay Street, Suite 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the “Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office”; H.R. 2660, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the “Tomball Veterans Post Office”; H.R. 2767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the “William T. Trant Post Office Building”; H.R. 3004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the “Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building”; H.R. 3220, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the “Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office”; H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the “Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building”; H.R. 3247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building”; H.R. 3248, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building”; and S. 1412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the “Officer John Maguire Post Office” The following were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 3289; H.R. 298; H.R. 2079; H.R. 2158; H.R. 2415; H.R. 2422; H.R. 2660; H.R. 2767; H.R. 3004; H.R. 3220; H.R. 3246; H.R. 3247; H.R. 3248; and S. 1412. The following were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3029; H.R. 3289; H.R. 3237; and H.R. 2297.

COAST GUARD AND MARINE TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2838, the “Coast Guard and Marine Transportation Act of 2011.” The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 4, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment the Rules Committee Print of H.R. 2838 dated October 28, 2011 and provides that the print shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the Rules Committee Print. The rule makes in order

only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.

The rule provides that the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or their designee, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of November 4, 2011, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure addressing the applicability of the coastwise trade laws.

Testimony was heard from Rep. LoBiondo; Rep. Larsen of Washington; Rep. Bishop of New York; Rep. Napolitano; Rep. Richardson; Rep. Palazzo; Rep. Thompson of Mississippi; and Rep. Baldwin.

STEM IN ACTION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled “STEM In Action: Transferring Knowledge from the Workplace to the Classroom.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRO-GROWTH TAX POLICY

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Pro-Growth Tax Policy: Why Small Businesses Need Individual Tax Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing on H.R. 3035,

the “Mobile Informational Call Act of 2011.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “21st Century Law Enforcement: How Smart Policing Targets Criminal Behavior.” 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Jobs at Risk: Waste and Mismanagement by the Obama Administration in Rewriting the Stream Buffer Zone Rule.” 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Identity Theft and Tax Fraud: Growing Problems for the Internal Revenue Service.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled “A Review and Analysis of the Proposed \$400 Million Los Angeles, California Federal Courthouse Project.” 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for October 2011, 10 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.